

**THE STATES OF DELIBERATION**  
**of the**  
**ISLAND OF GUERNSEY**

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

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The following proposition is laid in accordance with Rule 37(8) of the Rules of Procedure.

The States are asked to decide:

Whether, after consideration of the Policy Letter entitled 'Policy & Resources Committee Membership' dated 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025 the States, in accordance with Rule 37(8) of the Rules of Procedure, are of the opinion that:-

1. The period of office of Deputy Jonathan Le Tocq as a member of the Policy & Resources Committee should be terminated with immediate effect.

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The Presiding Officer  
States of Guernsey  
Royal Court House  
St Peter Port

26<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Dear Sir

**1 Executive Summary**

- 1.1 Rule 37(8) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees states *'If a majority of the voting members of a Committee believe that the continued membership of that Committee by one member is unreasonably hindering the ability of the Committee to fulfil its mandate then the majority may bring a proposition to the States that the period of office of the said one member should be terminated with immediate effect, and the States may, notwithstanding the other provisions of this rule, by resolution so terminate that period of office.'*
- 1.2 On 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025, it became public knowledge that Deputy Le Tocq had been arrested the previous day and was the subject of an ongoing police investigation. The Policy & Resources Committee confirmed in a public statement that a decision had been made by its remaining Members that Deputy Le Tocq would not participate in any Committee business while the police investigation was ongoing.
- 1.3 On 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025, Deputy Le Tocq was charged with various offences and remanded in custody. This matter is now subject to court proceedings which must be allowed to proceed in accordance with the well-established principles of the criminal justice system. The Committee actions in bringing forward this Policy Letter are in response to the practical implications of Deputy Le Tocq being indisposed for a prolonged period of time and does not infer any commentary on the justice process.
- 1.4 Deputy Le Tocq's absence is detrimentally affecting the Committee's capacity

to progress an extensive programme of time-critical work including external commitments. While there are provisions under the Rules to support Committees in making urgent decisions when inquorate, this is not an appropriate or sustainable substitute for a full-time member who is indefinitely unavailable to participate fully in Committee discussion and meetings.

- 1.5 The Committee therefore requests, under Rule 37 (8), that Deputy Le Tocq's period of office as a member of the Policy & Resources Committee be terminated with immediate effect in order that arrangements may be made for the appointment of a new member.

## **2. Compliance with Rule 4**

- 2.1 Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees sets out the information which must be included in, or appended to, motions laid before the States.

- 2.2 In accordance with Rule 4(1):

- a) The proposition does not directly contribute to the States' objectives and policy plans but will support the more effective operation of the Policy & Resources Committee.
- b) In preparing the propositions no consultation has taken place.
- c) The propositions have been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) There are no financial implications associated with the proposition.

- 2.3 In accordance with Rule 4(2):

- a) The proposition seeks to ensure that the Committee is best placed to discharge its purpose and policy responsibilities.
- b) Deputy Le Tocq has not undertaken Committee business since 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 and therefore has not participated in the Committee's discussions on this matter. The proposition has the unanimous support of the four remaining Committee Members.

Yours faithfully

H L de Sausmarez  
President

G A St Pier  
Vice President

S J Falla  
C N K Parkinson